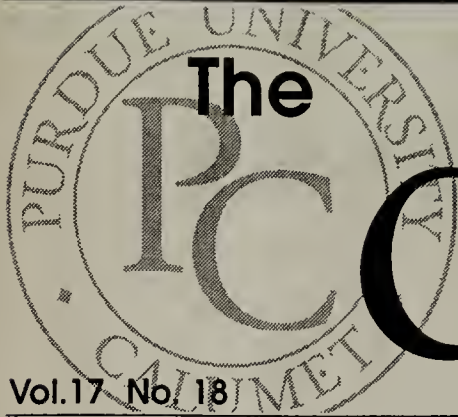




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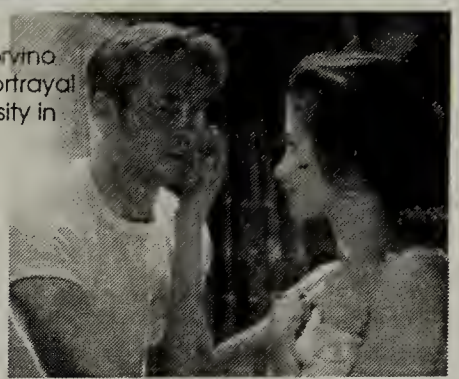
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Local businesses support Challenger Learning Center

MARK FRISCHE
Staff Writer

The outer space experience is closer than ever for students in the Calumet Region.

That's because several local businesses have given donations to the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana, whose interim home is within PUC's PER building.

The center, which is nearing completion, will house a NASA control room and space shuttle

simulators that will allow up to about 30 people space trips to face some of the same decision-making challenges faced by astronauts in actual space flight, said Gary Edwards, president of the board of directors of the center and also PUC vice chancellor for advancement.

Center director Lisa Karney said that the space flight simulation is part of an integrated learning program that is primarily targeted at students in grades five through eight. The entire program includes both pre- and post-flight

activities that are designed to stimulate interest in science and mathematics in the children.

The \$700,000 simulators are expected to attract about 12,000 school children per year, Edwards said, who added that he has already received calls about the program from schools located as far away as Michigan.

Several local companies have provided grants to the center to help defray the startup costs associated with this project. NIPSCO

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Photo provided by University Relations

NIPSCO Director of Public Affairs and Communications Vic DeMeyer presents a \$50,000 check to Director of the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana Lisa Karney. NIPSCO has awarded \$150,000 to the Challenger Learning Center. The money will be distributed in \$50,000 increments over a three-year period.

Purdue Calumet

STudent Access to Records (PC STAR) - User Login

New addition to website allows access to records

DAREN SAMPLAWSKI
Copy Editor

When searching for personal or financial aid information, consult an astrologer, or check out the latest addition to PUC's online services, PCSTAR.

Launched on Jan. 19, Purdue Calumet STudent Access to Records (PCSTAR) is a new website that allows credit card tuition payments online. An important addition to the BANNER student information system, the website provides more than just a new payment option. Financial aid, grant, and loan data is also available.

To pay tuition online, direct a web browser to PUC's homepage (<http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/>) and click on the "New and Timely" link. The new website is accessible from 3 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., seven days a week from the PUC homepage.

Due to security measures, private information cannot be accessed by just anyone. Credit card numbers and student records are encrypted on computers that are locked behind digital and physical gates, according to Jennifer R. Cruse, PUC application integration systems specialist.

PIN numbers, similar to access numbers used at ATM machines, are just one of the security measures in place. Only authorized employees of PUC will have access to students accounts and records.

"It is important that students feel secure," said Cruse. The greatest security risk involved with

PCSTAR is students sharing their PIN number with others, said Cruse.

Online tuition payment is "really no different from using your credit card at the bursar's office window," said Beth Pellicciotti, PUC assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Eliminating a trip to the bursar's office is one of the biggest benefits of the new web site, according to Pellicciotti. Additional benefits include access to loan, grant, and financial aid histories.

By the fall semester, PCSTAR will supplement PUC's registration process by allowing printouts of class schedules. An online version of the PUC course catalog will also be available by the fall semester.

"It is important that students feel secure."

Jennifer R. Cruse,
PUC application integration
systems specialist

The familiar "bingo" sheet may become a thing of the past because the PCSTAR system will permit "curriculum advising and program planning," said Pellicciotti. This online

adviser capability will allow students to use the computer to compare classes that have been taken already, to classes that are needed to complete a degree requirement. Changing majors or transferring credits from schools outside the PUC system will also be made easier by the online advisory capability, said Pellicciotti.

More registration and admission data will be added to the website over the next two years. Eventually, academic histories — or unofficial transcripts — will be available on the PCSTAR system, said Pellicciotti.

Workshop to help financial aid students with FAFSA forms

KATIE HAYES
Photographer

Trying to figure out all of the paper work that goes along with the financial aid process can be a confusing experience for some students.

In order to defer some of the complexity, Purdue is hosting "College Goal Sunday" again this year.

College Goal Sunday is a free, two-hour instructional workshop in which students and their families will learn how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The program is in its 10th year and has proven to be beneficial in the past.

"We found it to be very successful last year," said Carol Zencka, head of the financial aid office at PUC.

"Close to 200 participated on this campus and over 4,000 statewide."

The workshop will be led by Purdue Calumet financial aid staff members.

There will be three sessions at PUC's main campus: Wednesday, Feb. 10 in SFLC's Alumni Hall; Saturday, Feb. 20 in Gytel07; and Saturday, Feb. 27 in Gytel07. A new location is offered this year off-campus on Sunday, Feb. 7 at the

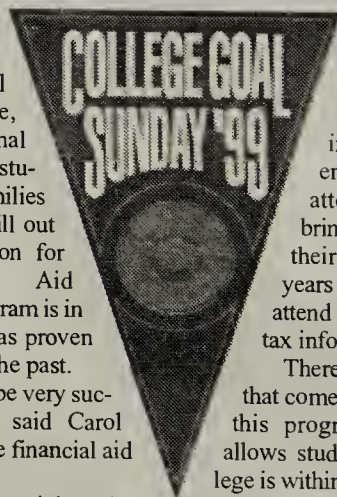
Hellenic Cultural Center in Merrillville.

Students who attend College Goal Sunday and fill out an evaluation sheet are eligible to win a scholarship worth several hundred dollars.

Students 23 years old or younger who plan on attending with a parent or legal guardian should bring their parents' completed IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 form or other 1998 income and benefits information. If parents are unable to attend, students can bring this information on their own. Students 24 years or older may also attend and bring their own tax information.

There are many benefits that come along with attending this program. "The program allows students to see that college is within their reach," Zencka said.

College Goal Sunday is not the only day available for students to get help with the financial aid process. ISFAA has dedicated the entire month of February to helping families get the financial aid they need. Questions about financial aid can be answered this month by calling the ICPAC hotline at 1-800-992-2076 which is being supported by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.



ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

It's to your

Advantage

...to begin planning for the upcoming 1999-2000 academic year! If you are an Indiana resident, the Office of Financial Aid suggests, as a part of your plan, to fill out and file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the Monday, March 1 Indiana deadline.

Filing by March 1 gives Indiana students priority consideration for state financial aid.

Step-by-step help in filling out FAFSA

Because of the importance of this March 1 deadline, Sunday, Feb. 7 has been designated "College Goal Sunday." On this date at 2 p.m., at 36 sites throughout Indiana, financial aid professionals from Indiana colleges and universities will be present to help lead current college/university students, prospective fall students and their families through a step-by-step process of filling out the FAFSA financial aid application.

Even if you filed a FAFSA form last year, you must do so again to receive priority consideration for scholarships, grants, loans and other forms of federal and state assistance to be awarded for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Purdue University Calumet is hosting "College Goal Sunday" sessions at two sites:

- On Campus, GYTE 107
- Merrillville, Hellenic Cultural Center, 8000 Madison St.

Win a prize...bring 1998 tax information

In addition to receiving assistance in completing the FAFSA, students attending "College Goal Sunday" also qualify for an opportunity to win an educational prize worth several hundred dollars to help finance a higher education. Three awards will be presented to students statewide—in each of the northern, central and southern areas.

To enter the drawing, students must complete a "College Goal Sunday" evaluation form. The drawing will be held in March, with the award being forwarded to the college or university the winning student attends next fall.

"College Goal Sunday" participants are asked to bring their driver's license and social security card as well as their 1998 income and benefit information and a copy of their 1998 federal income tax information, if available. Students 23 or younger (as of 1-1-99) will also need their parents' income and benefit information, as well as a copy of their 1998 federal income tax information.

Once the FAFSA is completed, students can file the information electronically via the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or the paper form may be mailed. If you mail a paper form, it is suggested you obtain a certificate of mailing from the post office.

3 financial aid workshops

In addition to "College Goal Sunday," Feb. 7, the Office of Financial Aid is hosting three public workshops to assist students in completing their FAFSA. These workshops are to be held on campus:

- 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Alumni Hall, SFLC
- 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 — GYTE 107
- 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 27 — GYTE 107

The Office of Financial Aid also invites you to:

- Visit our web site at esc.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid
- e-mail us at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu
- Stop by to speak with a customer service representative at the Enrollment Services Center in LAWS 130.
- Call the Office of Financial Aid at 219/989-2301 (ext. 2301 from campus phones).

At a glance

around campus

Chronicle taking Valentine messages

The Chronicle will be taking Valentine's Day messages, introducing their Homecoming candidates and taking applications in the SFLC concourse Feb. 3, 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Homecoming king, queen voting to take place

Voting for the 1999 Homecoming king and queen will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and Thursday, Feb. 11, in the concourse of the SFLC building. The king and the queen will be crowned at the Homecoming Dance in Alumni Hall after the basketball game Saturday, Feb. 13. Responsibilities include: participation in 1999 Homecoming events and Annual Student Awards Banquet.

The Student Programming Board presents Homecoming

The 1999 Homecoming Dance will take place immediately after the basketball game Saturday, Feb. 13, in Alumni Hall. Call 989-2369 for more information.

Valentine's dinner and dance announced

The Sueños Divinos Car Club and the IUN ALMA Latino Student Organization will hold their "From the Heart" Valentine's dinner and dance formal Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Stanislaus Hall in East Chicago. The dinner starts at 7:00, the dance at 8:30. Tickets are \$12 for the dinner and the dance, or \$8 for the dance only. Tickets for the dance must be purchased by Feb. 6. Call Dr. Raoul Contreras at 980-6665 or Umberto at 736-7651 for ticket information.

Cross country skiing instruction offered

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department offers instruction in cross country skiing for beginners from noon to 3 p.m. each Saturday in February at Lemon Lake Park. Skis, poles and boots may be rented with children's sizes available.

Call the park at (219) 663-7627 to determine if snow conditions will permit instruction on a particular day or for further information.

Child abuse workshop

Margaret Scissom, senior staff con-

sultant with Tri-City Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center Inc., will host the workshop "Child Abuse Identification and Prevention" 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave. The session is targeted to help teachers, day care staff, baby-sitters, youth workers and anyone in contact with groups of children.

Call (800) 398-7050 or (219) 392-6011 to make reservations or for further information.

Recycle household batteries

Lake Michigan District Recycling Program has donated two recycling bins for household batteries. One bin is located in the atrium at the southeast entrance of GYTE.

Please bring in your old household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V) for recycling.

International Media Center now open Sundays

The IMC is now open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays in addition to its previous hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The center is located in CLO-112.

Criminal Justice club seeks new staff members

Anyone interested in learning about criminal justice issues, attending a mock trial or touring a prison can join by contacting James Ghrist at 793-8258 or Maria Navarro 791-6982.

Learn Spanish in Spain

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is taking applications for the study abroad program in Universidad de Extremadura en Caceres, Spain. Contact the foreign language department in CLO-313 for more information.

Psi Chi meeting convenes Fridays

Psi Chi, the national honor society of psychology, and the Psychology Club will hold meetings every second Friday of the month in SFLC-321 at 4 p.m. Special events will be advertised on bulletins throughout the campus. New members are welcome.

For more information, call Dr. Anne Edwards at 989-2863 or Becky Erenberg at 845-5573.

Quote of the week

"The worst sin - perhaps the only sin - passion can commit, is to be joyless."

-Dorothy Leigh Sayers
1893-1957

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Foreign Language Department taking applicants for study program in Spain

MARY HOGAN
Staff Writer

Students who have always wanted to see Spain's famous running of the bulls may have their chance.

Applications are being taken until March 15 for students interested in studying Spanish in Caceres, Spain, in the west part of the country, this summer from June 6 to July 9.

Luisa Garcia-Verdugo, Spanish professor, said she wasn't sure how much the trip would cost this year. However, she added, the price last year was \$3250, which included an airplane ticket, 6 PUC credits, room, board, meals with a Spanish family, and health insurance.

Last year, 4 advanced and 2 elementary Spanish students traveled to Spain. In order to qualify, one must have already completed Spanish 101 and 102 and have a 2.5 grade point average.

Challenger

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has awarded \$150,000, payable in \$50,000 installments over three years.

"NIPSCO is proud to support the Challenger project which will benefit all of Northwest Indiana," said Vic DeMeyer, director of public affairs and communications.

The Amoco Foundation has awarded \$100,000, payable in \$20,000 installments over five years.

"Amoco is a major employer in the Midwest with a significant number of Purdue grads in its workforce. Therefore it is with a deep sense of pride that Amoco is contributing to the Challenger Learning Center at PUC," said Dan Wilson, the Whiting refinery manager.

Also, the Mercantile National Bank of Hammond has awarded \$25,000.

Edwards added that these gifts are all the more important, as there has been no federal or state funding of the center.

Karney traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to inspect the simulators before they were to be shipped to PUC, Edwards said. If acceptable, delivery at the PER building is sched-

At the Universidad de Extremadura, advanced students will study Introduction to Spanish Literature I and Spanish Civilization. Elementary students will take intensive Spanish classes. Students will write papers about the history, culture, and art of Spain.

While in Spain, students must speak Spanish at all times, according to Garcia-Verdugo. The students will experience a different culture and food, she said.

They will go to the Festival of Classic Theatre, which is held from June 12 to 21. In a special trip to Seville, Spain, students will visit cathedrals and museums.

"Students not only discovered another culture, but their own culture and found out things about themselves (at last year's trip)," Garcia-Verdugo said.

For more information, students may contact Garcia-Verdugo in the Foreign Language Department at 989-2264.

uled for Monday, Feb. 1. Installation will require about two additional weeks. While the first simulated flight is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, the center's grand opening will not occur until May 6 to allow attendance at the ceremony by NASA astronaut and Crown Point native Jerry Ross.

The center at PUC is the 31st such Challenger Learning Center to be licensed, Edwards added. The national CLC program was founded due to the efforts of June Scobee Rogers after her husband died in the Challenger 7 accident.

The local center was established due to the efforts of Karney, who was a sixth-grade teacher at the time she first encountered a CLC while on a field trip with one of her classes. Her efforts eventually led to the founding of the center at PUC. After additional funding is secured, the center will move from the PER building to its own new building west of the Army National Guard Armory.

Regarding Karney, who earned a master's degree in education at PUC, and the future of the center, Edwards said, "Lisa is one of the most committed young women I've ever met in my life, so this will be one of the best centers in the country."

Campus police officer supports National Crime Prevention Month

KATHY REYNA
Staff Writer

Officer Donna Hillier sat at a table reserved for the PUC Police Department in the concourse of the SFLC building last week. She was there to answer student questions about National Crime Prevention Month, but not many students stopped to ask.

"With it being so busy it's difficult to get the attention they need," she said about the students.

As she tries to support crime prevention in front of the bookstore, there's a lot of other stuff going on this week in the concourse, such as fraternities trying to get people to join.

Still, Hillier's efforts were not in vain. In the concourse,

one found brochures on emergency procedures. Also, there are facts and figures about the security on campus. They have services for victims of rape and assault, alcohol and drugs, and firearms and dangerous weapons.

They also have videos that can help one learn to defend himself, while giving tips on how to handle dangerous situations.

The biggest problem on campus is plain theft, and not car theft, according to Hillier. For example, Hillier said, a student leaves books alone for a second and finds them gone the next second.

Hillier said the university police have already taken measures to ensure student safety.

If a student is afraid to walk to a car alone, there is always someone on campus to escort them. The white trucks driving around are out there to keep a look out on the campus parking lots. PUC also has new surveillance cameras that view all sections of the parking lots.

Hillier said she enjoys talking with students and supporting the PUC community. "In regards to how successful the week is, we feel that any personal contact we make, in a way, is a positive contact."

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Officer Donna Hillier,
PUC Police Department

Fall graduate awarded \$2,000 scholarship

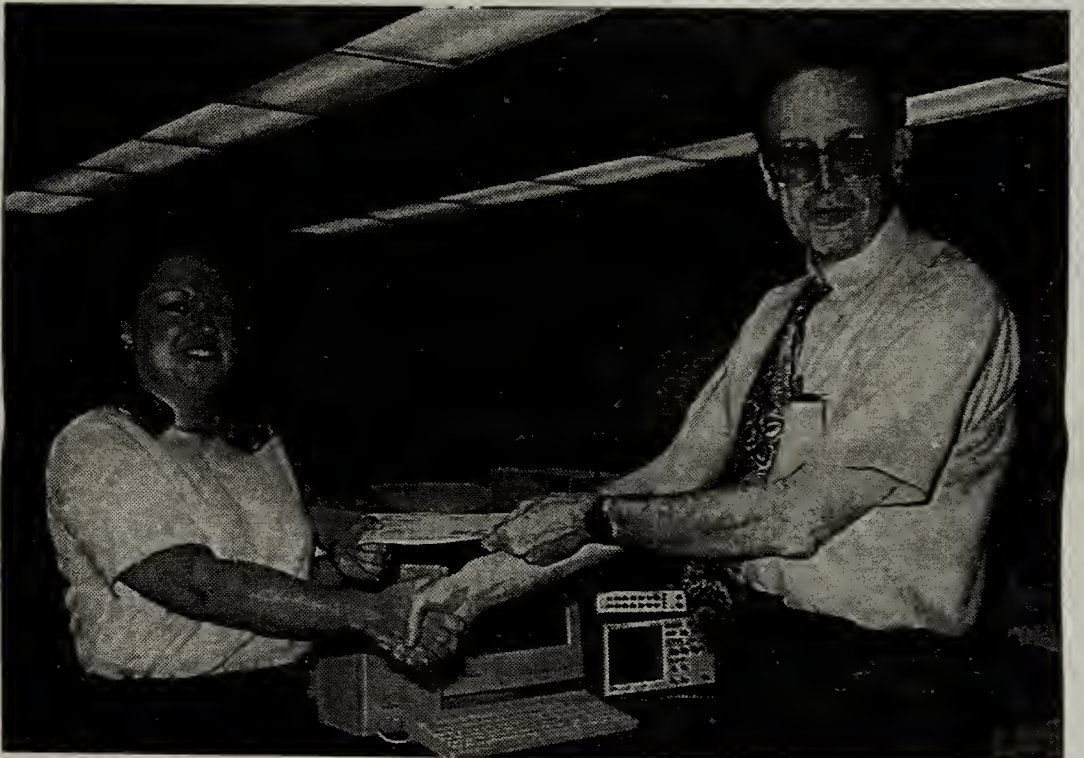


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Professor of Engineering Ed Pierson presents Kelly Dallas, who graduated last month with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, a Ronald E. Lincoln Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 from the Iron Steel Society Foundation. Dallas also received a Sidney Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship for \$1,500.

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Bob Dylan had it all figured out

When they were traditional college age, the children, the musicians, the poets of the '60s said things were changing.

Once change started, it never stopped.

Our university has already implemented several changes this semester alone, including network storage space and log-on names to name the most significant changes. Just a few short weeks later, we are seeing one more take shape.

PCSTAR will now allow financial aid recipients, and will eventually allow all students, to see their academic history, pay tuition and transfer credits online. Kudos to the university for letting students get done what they need to, and then move on to things we want to do. The ability to make business/academic transactions online eliminates lines and wasted time, either in lines or jumping from one office to another for assistance. Students also don't have to leave home to make payments or check their information. If students have a computer with Internet access at home, they can make payments in their pajamas. Now, students will only battle the traffic on the information super highway.

Thankfully, the convenience PUC students are seeing is stretching outside of our campus, and even outside the region.

Ameritech is now making calls within the Indiana Ameritech calling area toll free. A college student's favorite word — free. So Dyer residents who call Whiting will no longer cost you anything except a local charge.

Regionally, our commuting area will soon be increased to Indianapolis, Detroit or Minneapolis. Amtrak is making our choices a little broader, and a little quicker by expanding its commuting area with trains that will reach speeds of 150 mph. Not only will we be able to work several hours, or states, away and arrive in relative ease, we can attend universities that may better suit us, without living away from home. We can also attend workshops or conferences that a university or company may be offering, but otherwise would be too far away to drive to.

Lastly, we have finally caught up with the European way of travel — get there super-fast, and enjoy yourself.

With the new technologies and transportation systems that are being offered to us in Northwest Indiana, the world just keeps getting easier to search, speak with and see.

It is our hope that each student on our campus, will take full advantage of the new services being offered to them. Our university uses our student service fees to hold emerging leader training, upgrade our technology and add new classes. The most effective way for us to say 'thank-you' is by showing them how much it improves our lives.

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VANDERBILT RESEARCHERS GET \$6 MILLION TO STUDY COFFEE'S BENEFITS



High school social status meaningless in college setting

KELLY CREVISTON
 Commentary

I have always thought that Homecoming was nothing but a big popularity contest. So why am I participating in the events this year? I have something to prove.

Flashback to my high school senior year, three years ago. I looked basically the same as everyone else. I wore the same clothes, had my "Friends" haircut. I bought my make-up in department stores just like all the "popular" girls. I acted basically the same as everyone else, too. I cried when Hobart High School beat us during football causing our school to miss Semi-State my senior year. I sat with my "clique" at lunch time gossiping about what people wore and who slept with who. The only difference was back then I was considered nothing. I wasn't popular, I don't think I was disliked. I was just there along with dozens of other students who somehow didn't fit with the "in" crowd. I never would've been on the Homecoming Court.

Since starting college, I've done some growing up. Back then, whatever social circle you belonged to in junior high was the group that you were with until graduation day. I used to get all caught up in where I ranked in the social strata of Griffith High School, but in my three years here I've learned a great deal. I'm sure I'm not the only person that had to rid themselves of their high school insecurities. As Alicia Silverstone says in "Clueless," "The wounds of adolescence can take years to heal." My wounds have finally healed.

The first obstacle was to get my feelings for myself out of the way. I learned in college nobody cares if you were something in high school. My friends now include everything from former cheerleaders and jocks to social outcasts and "freaks."

The next thing I learned-people are not as obsessed with appearances. My college friends could care less if I show up to go somewhere in Calvin Klein attire or the dirty sweats I pulled from my laundry. They like me for who I am, not how I look.

The last thing I had to get past was how to accept other people for who they really are. I may not have been popular in high school, but I was just as stuck up. I wouldn't have spoken to the girl in my English class with purple hair, or the guy in Economics that wore the same two shirts all week. I was a bitch and I had to learn how to get over myself before I could accept people for what was really important, their personalities.

What am I trying to prove? What a person's "popularity" was in the past does not determine their future. I don't consider myself more special than the next person, but I'll go ahead and take a shot at this Homecoming thing. Who cares if I don't win? The fact that I was even nominated says that people like me. They like me for me, not because I'm "in" with the right crowd and wear the right clothes. That girl who used to be nothing realized that everybody is something, regardless of their social status.

The people speak

Question of the Week: Which NFL team do you predict to win this year's superbowl?

by Amarachi Igboegwu
 Features Editor

"I believe the Falcons will win because they are the underdogs. Watch out for the second half when they dominate."



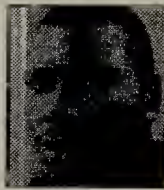
Samantha Enyeart
 freshman, French, English

"The Denver Broncos, because it seems like they have had a good season of practice and games."



Kevin Mack
 freshman, Criminal Justice

"I believe Denver is going to win because they have too many weapons with Terrel Davis and John Elway."



Eric Howard
 junior, Business

"Atlanta Falcons will win the Superbowl because I believe they are underrated and the Broncos are not taking them seriously."



Joe Richardson,
 Org. Leadership/Supervision

"The Atlanta Falcons have a good chance to win because the team has made tremendous progress this year compared to other years."



Jameka Larsen
 freshman, Criminal Justice

"The Broncos will win because they are a dynamic team with a strong chance of winning."



Forming a brotherhood



Photo by Katie Hayes

Junior Noel DeJesus, far left, and Patrick G. Rodriguez, freshman, show Jose Velez, a sophomore, far right, what Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity is all about. Various student organizations will offer similar information until next Thursday, in the SFLC Concourse.

Educators hope to increase teacher population with \$20,000 bonuses

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

Call it a gold rush in reverse. Stanford University students who are considering teaching careers got pro sports treatment last week when Massachusetts educators came calling with \$20,000 signing bonuses.

Recruiting teachers from nationwide pools is increasing as districts face mounting enrollments and a graying teacher population.

In recent years, New York City sent recruiters to Austria. St. Louisans have gone looking in South Africa. Texans have searched in California and Puerto Rico.

Virginia officials loaded up a 32-foot recreational vehicle last summer and toured the East Coast.

But the hefty signing bonus is highly unusual.

Massachusetts' bonus program is just the newest addition to a range of incentives that can include low-interest housing loans, discounts at restaurants, tax credits, free banking and job shares with full medical benefits.

Stanford was the Massachusetts team's third stop in California.

Previous stops were in San Diego and Berkeley. Another four dozen American campuses are to be visited.

California has been recruiting in other states, too, said Leslie Fausset, chief deputy superintendent for educational policy, curriculum and department management.

"I certainly think giving incentives for people to go into teaching is a good thing — and certainly one of the superintendent's primary issues has been to raise the salary of teachers."

The first year of the Massachusetts program is set to put 50 teachers into a special training program this summer and into classrooms by fall.

That small number won't be for want of interested applicants, said Massachusetts' Department of Education chief of staff Alan Safran.

"We're getting hundreds of calls," he said.

The program will expand to draw in 150 students next year, Safran said, to eventually provide the state with 25 percent of the new teachers it needs each year.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Applications for the Massachusetts program can be downloaded at its Web site: www.doe.mass.edu-tqe-99bonus.html. The application deadline is March 1. Information by phone at (718) 388-3300, extension 323. For Web-based information about California's teacher training package, go to www.calteach.csulb.edu/ or phone 1-888-CALTEACH.

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What is PWE?

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Benefits of PWE

- become more marketable upon graduation
- gain experience in your chosen profession
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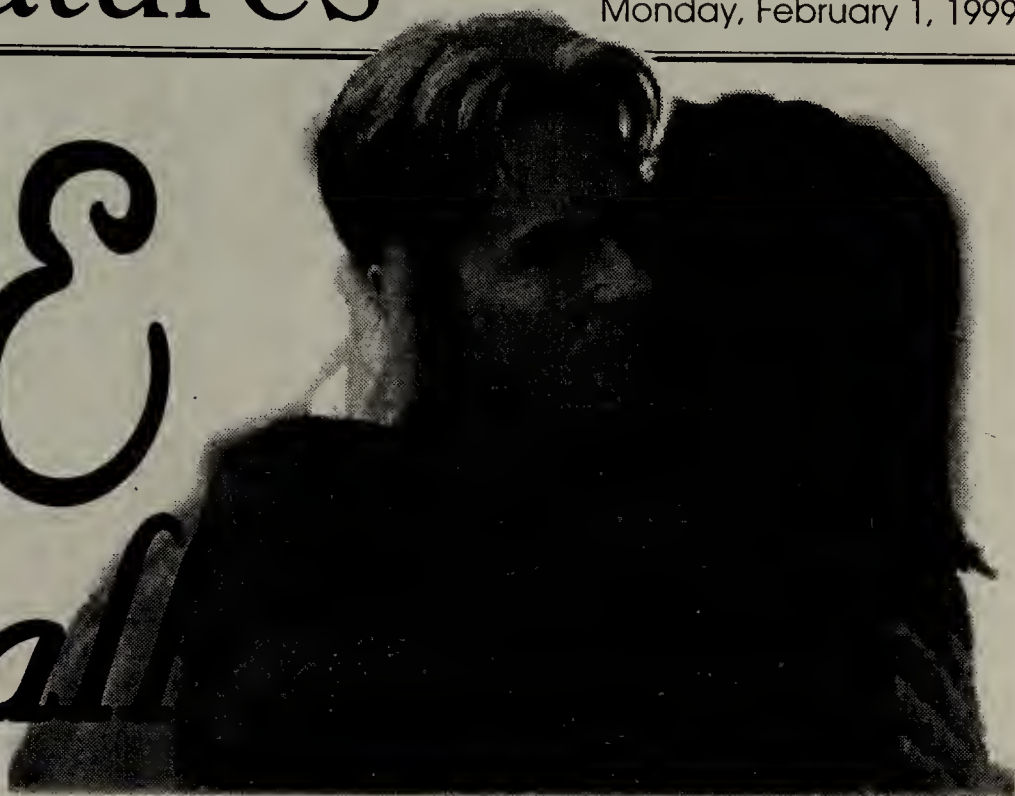
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Kilmer, Sorvino provide romantic entertainment despite movie flaws

JOAN MUSAK

Asst. Production Manager

"At First Sight," starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino, is the story of a man who once was blind and now he sees, literally.

Virgil Adamson (Val Kilmer) lost his eye sight when he was just a wee lad and had learned to live his life without his sight. All of Virgil's life, he had lived in the same small town that he grew up in. He took a bus to a local resort where he worked as a masseur.

Amy Benic (Mira Sorvino), an architect from New York, meets

Virgil there on a weekend and she falls in love with him. Despite his over-protective older sister, Amy convinces him to come to New York with her to have a breakthrough surgery to restore his eyesight.

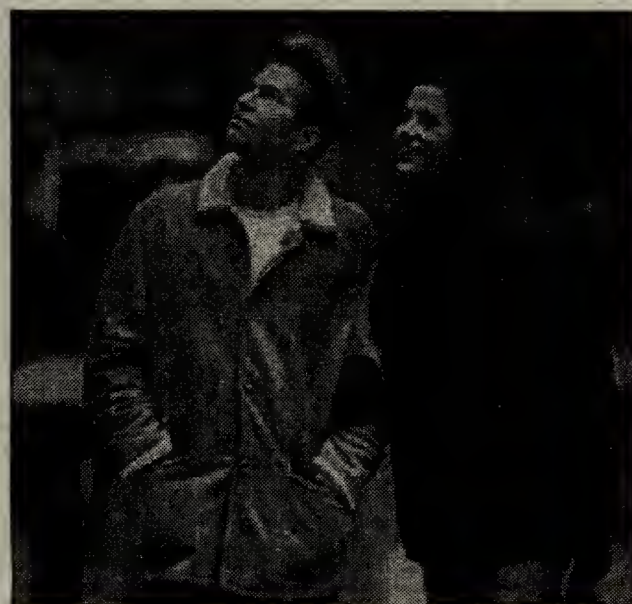
What I believe to be most appealing about this movie is the tackling of a new issue. Never before has anyone shown the world what one would have to go through in regaining sight after a near-life time without it. Virgil has to learn to see, learn to process the images, colors and shapes. He has to learn how to understand depth and perception, things that are foreign to him. Also, within the story of a blind

man learning to see is the very familiar story of a couple trying to overcome odds to be together.

It is a wonderful tale of love and triumph over adversity.

Out of ten, I give the movie a seven, which is still above average, but I have to knock off a few points because although it was good, it failed to move me like I think a movie with a nine or ten rating should.

I also knocked a point off for the fact that Val Kilmer's eyes continued to wander around when his character was blind making his handicap slightly difficult to buy.



Lies, deceit and body count mount in 'A Simple Plan'

AMARACHI IGBOEGWU

Features Editor

Say you found \$4 million in the woods during a ski trip. Would you take the \$4 million and share with your family and friends, saying it is a gift from God for all your hard work, or would you turn the money in to the police?

Many of us would probably opt for the former choice. The movie "A Simple Plan" provides the same scenario, only sharing the money doesn't turn out to be so simple.

Starring Bill Paxton (Hank), Billy Bob Thornton (Jacob) and Bridget Fonda (Sarah), the film is about deceit and blindness caused by greed for money.

On a snowy evening, Hank, Jacob and Lou (Jacob's friend who needs a ride) decide to visit their parents' gravesite, the

event takes a twist as they return home. On their way, a vixen running with its prey darts across their van. Jacob's dog, on seeing the little vixen, chases after it.

Soon, the brothers and their friend Lou begin to look for the dog. As they search and call out its name, the trio discover a badly crashed airplane. Hank decides to see if anyone survived the crash, only to find the pilot dead, with ravens feasting on his eyeballs.

Beside the gory sight Hank finds a duffel bag. What they see changes their lives forever: \$4,400,000.

Lou and Jacob, being "the lowlives" in this movie, suggest that they keep the money. However, Hank, the smart one,



decides that the best thing is to return the money to the police.

But after much persuasion from Lou and Jacob, he decides to keep the money until the spring when the police would definitely find the plane. If

nothing is heard about the money then, he suggested they split the money three ways.

Hank tells Jacob and Lou to keep this a secret, but he ends up breaking his own promise. What seems to be a simple plan becomes deadly as Hank lets his calculating wife, Sarah, into the plan.

Paranoid, Sarah instructs Hank to put some money back into the plane just in case something comes up. Unfortunately, that plan results in the death of a local

man, as Hank and his brother try to protect their secret. With that plan gone wrong, Sarah then instructs Hank to tape record Lou "play-confessing" to the murder of the local man.

Well, this plan doesn't end any better because this time a fight erupts when Hank stupidly shows Lou the recording and threatens to use it against him if he decides to "rat" on them. Lou, furious at his friends on the obvious betrayal, gets shot with a rifle, with tragic results.

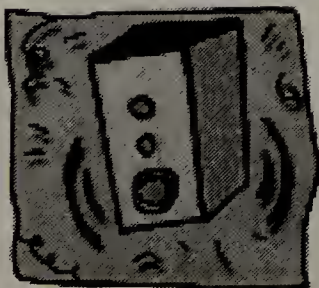
Lou dies and so does the wife who happened to be on hand to see the shooting. Now both Hank and Jacob are knee deep in lies and murder, but with millions of dollars in hand.

Will they be able to keep the money and put the past behind them, or will the lies, deceit and body count continue to mount?

Busta Rhymes, The Hangovers worth the money

Sound Reasoning Music Reviews

BY KEITH HARRISON
College Press Service



"Extinction Level Event" Busta Rhymes Elektra 8 stars

Part gonzo doomsday prophet, part cackling court jester, Busta Rhymes starts off a bit slow on his lengthy third solo disc, but then burns straight through the final 10 tracks. Leading the way are three collaborations: a volcanic tag-team attack with fellow vocal-cord shredder Mystikal; an out-of-left-field seductive meltdown with Janet Jackson — in which Busta proves to be a surprisingly adequate romantic foil; and a stomping rewrite of Black Sabbath's "Iron

Man" with Ozzy Osbourne. Sure, his continued obsession with end-of-the-century armageddon get a little old in these days of ad nauseam pre-millennium foolishness. But where others see reason to mope and fret, at least Busta's going out with a wink and a crazed grin.

"1965" The Afghan Whigs Columbia 7 stars

The Whigs favor slinky grooves over brutish guitar snarl this time out, and it's generally a good match for the "bad boy" image that singer Greg Dulli loves to culti-

vate. The music purrs along on sleek, muscular rhythms, flavored with muted trumpet swells and boasting more than a hint of menace. Once or twice Dulli crosses over into lounge lizard territory — crooning such supposedly provocative lines as "I knew a girl, extraordinary/Suggested something, unsanitary."

"Garage Inc." Metallica Elektra 7 stars

It's the closest that the manly men in

Music

Continued from page 6

Metallica likely will ever come to penning a mash note: A two-disc compilation in which they not-so-tenderly cover some of their favorite songs by everyone from pioneering metalheads Diamond Head and Mercyful Fate through Thin Lizzy, Nick Cave and Bob Seger. The band's notoriously fickle longtime fans, who have been grumbling about a sellout for years, might be appeased by the inclusion of the revered "Garage Days Re-Visited '87" EP, complete with its cackling, wicked take on the Misfits' "Last Caress/Green Hell."

Among the new highlights are a blistering pass at Discharge's "Free Speech for the Dumb" and an effective slow burn through Seger's old nugget "Turn the Page." Some of the assorted B-sides tossed onto the second disc don't pack quite the same jolt, but the final tracks — four heavy-duty Motorhead covers — provide an appropriate wrapup to this labor of, um, brotherly respect and admiration.

"I'm So Confused"
Jonathan Richman
Vapor/Warner Bros.
7 stars

Once upon a time Jonathan Richman was the most unlikely of punks, and his Modern Lovers created scruffy, minimalist classics like "Roadrunner" and "Pablo Picasso." For the past two decades, though, Richman has played the quirky yet unabashedly sentimental songsmith, a role in which he has proven to be endearing if somewhat artistically confined. Following up on his unexpected star

turn as the one-man Greek chorus in "There's Something About Mary," this new disc finds Richman in fine and typical form. He waxes nostalgic for tiny neighborhood stores, chronicles an eye-opening teenage trip to Italy, and shambles his way through sweet and disarmingly sincere love songs, including the "Mary" song "True Love is Not Nice."

If you're a longtime fan, or if you just liked what you saw in the film, odds are you'll be charmed by this disc.

"Slow Dirty Tears"
The Hangovers
Kill Rock Stars
8 stars

With this recent debut from her new band, ex-Raincoat Gina Birch proves herself to be a human hall of mirrors, casually distorting both standard pop genres and her own voice to create moments of jarring and unexpected beauty.

A creeping tension, for instance, knocks off-kilter both the languid, pastoral calm of "Duck Song" and the strutting, skeletal disco beat of "Sweetest Pain." Birch turns loose the guitars on a few tracks, particularly for a stately march called "Hello Moon" and the raveup "Soho," but not before running them through a sonic Cuisinart for the appropriate smearing effect. And then there's her voice, which jumps from a whisper to a quavering flutter to a near-guttural chortle. Nothing appears as one initially expects in Birch's topsy-turvy world, but those who stick around for a while will find that everything soon comes into focus.



Afghan Whigs

Horoscopes For the week of February 1

Aries (March 21-April 19). If you have the urge to be impetuous Monday, curb it. Your lesson to be learned right now has more to do with structure, discipline and obedience. Make sure everything is spit and polish on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be an inspection, you can bet on that. Thursday and Friday, negotiations are underway to settle an old argument.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). An initial resistance should fade as the week continues, so don't take no for an answer Monday, especially if it's the first answer you get. There's still a lot of controversy going on, but you should be able to find a way through it. Somebody you love, or a small child, possibly the same person, will lead you. This could be a person who acts like a small child from time to time, especially in private, in your presence. That's one of the things that's so endearing about this relationship.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You should be in a relatively scholarly frame of mind on Monday. Odds are good whatever you're thinking about doing is not going to be easy, but it is going to be possible. Tuesday and Wednesday are confusing sometimes, but certainly interesting. Pay attention to the details and stay well organized, and you'll be able to accomplish quite a lot. Thursday and Friday are much better for romance than just about anything. Schedule your dates and meaningful conversations for then.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're hitting a bit of a tailwind on Monday, concerning your

career. A dear friend could give you a push in the right direction. You'd never ask for it, of course, but you might as well accept it if it's there. Tuesday and Wednesday are both excellent for launching a study program. If the local school doesn't have what you want, design your own. Fix up your house on Thursday, so if company drops in Friday it won't be a problem. Romance looks excellent from Saturday night through Sunday. An unusual but solid commitment is quite possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're strong most of Monday, and that's good, because you're facing some tough competition. Get your finances into order on Tuesday and Wednesday, so you'll know how much you can afford to spend by Thursday. Looks like there's something you could invest in that day or Friday that would improve your chances of success. You want to make sure you get the right one, however. This would be a great weekend to have creamed-corn wrestling matches in kiddie pools.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your workload is intense Monday. That's because somebody is pressuring you to get this job done. Tuesday and Wednesday, you'll be much stronger with the moon in your sign. You'll still have to crank to keep up with the workload, but it should be easier. The money doesn't start coming in until around Thursday or Friday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be a lot of competition for your time Monday. How about delegating some of your responsibilities? Tuesday and

Wednesday the pressure is intense. Keep most of what you know to yourself those days. Idle gossip could be damaging.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Monday could be frustrating. It looks like just about everybody wants to tell you what to do. The odds of your success improve on Tuesday and Wednesday. More people will be willing to go along with your suggestions then, which also improves your attitude. Thursday and Friday are rather frustrating days. People will be hard-pressed to make decisions.

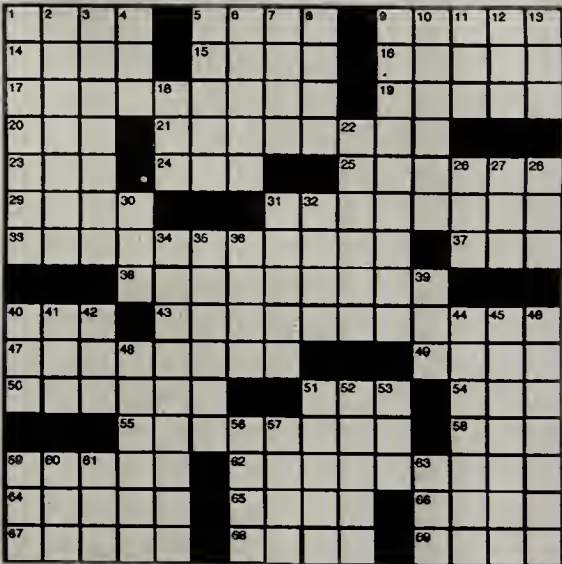
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There could be a slight difference of opinion Monday between two people you respect and admire. You get to be the referee and help them come to a compromise. On Tuesday and Wednesday, it's the little details that will help you advance in your career, or anything else you're trying to do brilliantly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You should be watching your money Monday. It's a good bet somebody else is, too. Don't let somebody talk you out of it without getting the very best possible deal. Tuesday and Wednesday are good travel days, especially for work-related reasons.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Confer with your partner Monday about a purchasing decision you're contemplating. Tuesday and Wednesday are good shopping days. You'll be frugal and wise, and able to remember details well. Thursday and Friday, you'll be in the mood to play, so plan travel and interest-

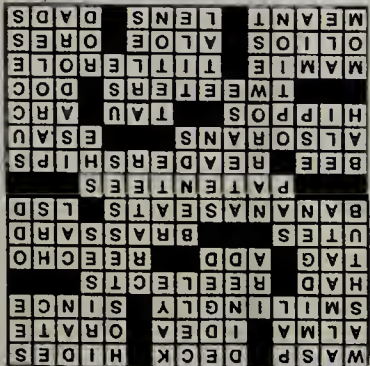
ing conversations then. **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work may seem overwhelming Monday, but don't despair. Actually, you're learning lots of important things that you'll be able to use later. Tuesday and Wednesday will go best if you're working with a partner. Compliment each other.

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Lady Lakers conquer Titans

J.B. LYLES

Sports Editor

In a typical Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's game, you see the PUC Lady Lakers (17-4, 3-0 CCAC) and the IU-South Bend Lady Titans (10-6, 2-1) eating up the competition and not leaving any leftovers for anybody else in the conference.

On a Saturday in January, these two talented teams squared up for a preview of the championship. The Lady Lakers ate up the Lady Titans, 85-57.

It was a game of constant chaos, as the Titans wanted to give the Lakers the message that if you want to go to the nationals, you have to come through us. Purdue Calumet responded by taking it to the Titans with the one-two punch of Cristina Chandler and Rita

Harper.

Sophomore Chandler has had her ups and downs in her second year as a Laker. But to head coach Gary Hayes, he knew something special was going to happen that day.

"Chandler played a great game for us. She kept (IUSB's Amie) Burger in check and her defensive play was great. She made plays when we needed them." Chandler led the game with a game high 25 points and game high three steals as well as three assists. She shot 50 percent from the three-point line.

The other half of the one-two punch was senior Harper. She is known to have big games against the Titans. Last year when these teams met three times, Harper averaged 28.7 points, eight rebounds, and nearly three assists.

Harper knows if the team wants to go to nationals, they must get past IUSB as well as the rest of the conference.

"We beat (IUSB) at our court and that was good," said Harper. "But now we need to focus on our next game and not worry about them until Feb. 16 when we play them on the road. If we just focus on the Lady Titans, then another team could come unexpectedly and take the conference and then we would lose our intensity. If we can play with the same focus, same intensity, and determination for every game that we play, then we can go to nationals."

Harper scored 24 points, five rebounds, and had a game high three block shots for the winning effort. Junior Brea Gates added 17 points, grabbed four boards,

three assists and two steals. Junior

Renee Boryla chipped

in 15 points and three assists while shooting 60 percent from downtown. Junior Jennifer Cain grabbed a season high 17 rebounds while adding on four points and a game high five assists.

The Lady Lakers now have a 23 home game and a 10 game overall winning streak. The Lady Lakers can extend their win streak at home on Tuesday against the Dominican Lady Stars and on Saturday against the St. Francis Lady Saints.



Cristina Chandler

Fitness Center wraps up Hyper 3000 program

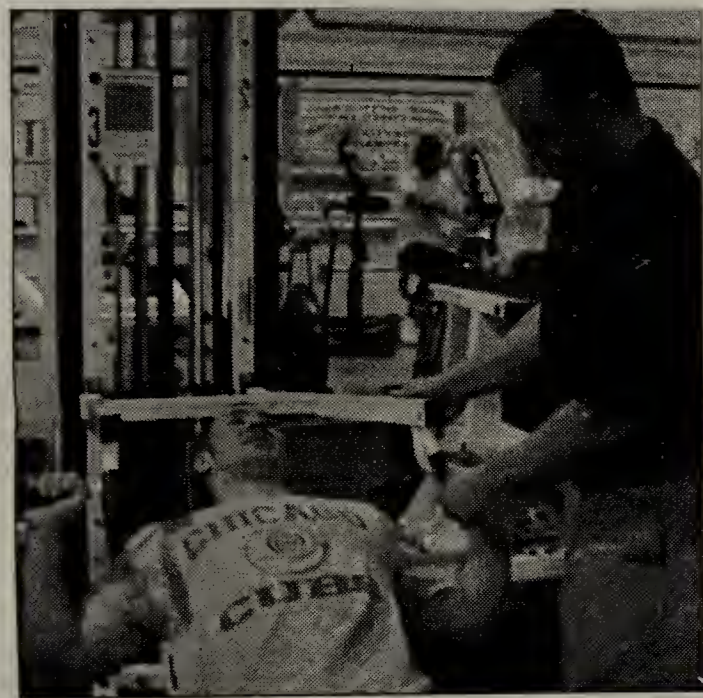


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Nutrition, Fitness, and Health student Mike Hanson helps students train during their last semester in Hyper 3000. The program gives students a chance to preview what their career will be like.

Cuozzo's intensity on the court inspires teammates

MICHAEL RODENAS
Staff Writer

One thing is certain whenever the Purdue Calumet hoopsters take to the hardwood, and that's one player on the team stands alone in burning the torch of intensity that head coach Larry Liddle brings to the sideline every night, and that Laker player is sophomore forward Tom Cuozzo.

A 1995 graduate of Hammond Baptist, Cuozzo currently boasts a B minus grade point average, and also admittedly leads his Laker teammates in personal fouls.

"I guess I get my intensity on the court from coach Liddle. He's very committed to the game. He's a winner and he takes the game very seriously."

But, it's not just a game, Cuozzo said. "He (Liddle) wants to win very badly, and that is the approach he impresses upon us, both on the

court and in life... always try your hardest," said Cuozzo, his voice resonating the same genuine intensity that he exudes on the hardwood.

However, not all of Cuozzo's success comes from his "bare knuckles" intensity on court. Much of his drive comes from a rigorous season of weight training with teammate Bob Delano, which saw his lean 6'4" frame bulk up twenty pounds to a solid and well-defined 200 lbs.

"I'll tell you one thing. Our legs sure don't tire like they did last year at this time in the season," Cuozzo added.

Currently averaging 11 PPG and leading the team in both personal fouls and dirty looks after whistles, Cuozzo admits this year the Lakers have suffered from a lot of distractions.

"With all of the losses to personnel and our rocky start, it's been very tough on coach Liddle," but

Cuozzo quickly points out, "Any team in the conference can beat any other team on a given night, and we are still definitely in the race."

Cuozzo also sings high praises to assistant coach Steve Leonard for his pillar of support to coach Liddle and the team. "I certainly respect coach Leonard for pulling all the pieces together, when at times this year it looked like it was all going to fall apart."

With goals of becoming a teacher and a coach after graduation from PUC, Cuozzo also shares some insight to his off court passions. "Music and Cheri... that's all there is," he said, speaking of girlfriend Cheri Gilbert.

"Actually, I probably spend too much time with her," Cuozzo laughs. Well, let's hope Cuozzo keeps up that same intensity the second half of the season, and also hoping his weight training pays off when girlfriend Cheri reads this.

Fast Break

A brief look at PUC sports

LADY LAKERS' NATIONAL RANKING

The Lady Lakers are ranked 28 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) and they are the only ranked team in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference grabbing 18 national votes. The next ranking will be this Tuesday. To find out about the NAIA and the rankings go to their web site at www.naia.org.

LADY LAKERS' STREAK ROLLS ON

The Lady Lakers (17-4) played a non-conference game against the Judson Lady Eagles in Elgin, Ill. and won 56-48. Renee Boryla scored a game high 18 points while grabbing six rebounds. Brea Gates added 17 points, three assists and three steals.

Jennifer Cain missed a double-double scoring only eight points, but grabbed 10 rebounds. Amanda Stutler fouled out with six points and a game high six steals. Rita Harper did not start due to an asthma problem. However, she came off the bench and scored seven points. The win streak is now at 11 games for the Lady Lakers, as their next road game will be Feb. 16 against the IU-South Bend Lady Titans.

CCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

We would like to congratulate Eric Culp on clinching Player of the Week for his performances against St. Francis and Illinois Tech. The stats for Culp are 54 pts, 19-33 from the field and 11 for 18 from the three-point line. We would also like to congratulate Rita Harper for also snagging Player of the

Week. Harper scored 34 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, grabbing a conference high six blocks against Olivet Nazarene and IU-South Bend. We also would like to add along congratulations to last week's women Player of the Week, Cristina Chandler for her performances against non-conference Trinity Christian and conference foe St. Francis.

CCAC ON THE WEB

If you want to keep up with the Lakers in CCAC action, check out the new and improved website located at www.olivet.edu, then click on athletics. You will find statistics, news on upcoming games, the tournament scene, and their choice for Player of the Week. Or check out the athletic page of Purdue Calumet at www.calumet.purdue.edu, then click on athletics.



Check it Out

The week ahead for PUC sports

Tuesday-2

• Women's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game vs. Dominican LADY STARS Game Time: 7 p.m.

Wednesday-3

• Men's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game vs. St. Xavier COUGARS Game Time: 7 p.m.

Saturday-6

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• Women's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game vs. St. Francis LADY SAINTS Game Time: 1 p.m.
• Men's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game vs. Dominican STARS after the lady's game

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